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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and the
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
for the year 1963

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# Leek Rural District Council

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1963

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# REPORT

## GENERAL STATISTICS

|                                                |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |              |
|------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Area                                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 72,623 acres |
| Number of inhabited houses                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6,699        |
| Rateable Value at 31st March, 1963             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £428,613     |
| Net product of Id. rate for year ended 31/3/63 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £598.14.10   |
| Estimated Population                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20,310       |
| Number of persons per acre                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .271         |

## INDUSTRIES

The main occupations of the inhabitants are farming and mining, but a substantial number of persons are employed in the City of Stoke-on-Trent, in the silk mills in Leek, and in the quarries on the Derbyshire border.

## VITAL STATISTICS

| Live Births  | M     | F     | TOTAL |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Legitimate   | 182   | 172   | 354   |
| Illegitimate | 3     | 5     | 8     |
|              | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
|              | 185   | 177   | 362   |

Birthrate per 1,000 of the population — 17.82 (18.2)

| Stillbirths  | M     | F     | TOTAL |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Legitimate   | 2     | 4     | 6     |
| Illegitimate | —     | —     | —     |
|              | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
|              | 2     | 4     | 6     |

Rate per 1,000 of the population — .29 (0.32)

| Deaths (all ages) | M   | F  | TOTAL |
|-------------------|-----|----|-------|
|                   | 104 | 84 | 188   |

Death rate per 1,000 of the population — 9.3 (12.2)

| Deaths of Infants<br>(Under 1 year) | M     | F     | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Legitimate                          | —     | 5     | 5     |
| Illegitimate                        | —     | —     | —     |
|                                     | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
|                                     | —     | 5     | 5     |

Death rate per 1,000 live births — 13.8 (21.1)

(The rates for England and Wales are shown in parenthesis)

## TUBERCULOSIS

|                                             | Pulmonary Tuberculosis |    |       | Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis |    |       | Total (Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary) |    |       |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|----|-------|----------------------------|----|-------|-------------------------------------|----|-------|
|                                             | M                      | F  | Total | M                          | F  | Total | M                                   | F  | Total |
| Cases on Register 31/12/62 ...              | 53                     | 33 | 86    | 7                          | 8  | 15    | 60                                  | 41 | 101   |
| New Cases notified                          | 1                      | —  | 1     | —                          | 2  | 2     | 1                                   | 2  | 3     |
| Inward Transfers .                          | 1                      | 1  | 2     | —                          | —  | —     | 1                                   | 1  | 2     |
|                                             | 55                     | 34 | 89    | 7                          | 10 | 17    | 62                                  | 44 | 106   |
| Cases removed from Register during year ... | —                      | —  | —     | —                          | —  | —     | —                                   | —  | —     |

|                                |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |     |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Cases on Register 31/12/63 ... | 55 | 34 | 89 | 7 | 10 | 17 | 62 | 44 | 106 |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|-----|

For purposes of comparison I give below the details of new notifications for the eight years 1956-1963.

|             | Pulmonary Tuberculosis |   |       | Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis |   |       | Total (Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary) |   |       |
|-------------|------------------------|---|-------|----------------------------|---|-------|-------------------------------------|---|-------|
|             | M                      | F | Total | M                          | F | Total | M                                   | F | Total |
| 1963 ... .. | 1                      | — | 1     | —                          | 2 | 2     | 1                                   | 2 | 3     |
| 1962 ... .. | 1                      | — | 1     | 1                          | 1 | 2     | 2                                   | 1 | 3     |
| 1961 ... .. | 1                      | — | 1     | —                          | — | —     | 1                                   | — | 1     |
| 1960 ... .. | 1                      | 1 | 2     | —                          | — | —     | 1                                   | 1 | 2     |
| 1959 ... .. | 4                      | 1 | 5     | 1                          | 1 | 2     | 5                                   | 2 | 7     |
| 1958 ... .. | 5                      | 3 | 8     | —                          | — | —     | 5                                   | 3 | 8     |
| 1957 ... .. | —                      | 1 | 1     | 2                          | 1 | 3     | 2                                   | 2 | 4     |
| 1956 ... .. | 3                      | 4 | 7     | 2                          | 1 | 3     | 5                                   | 5 | 10    |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The figures below show the Incidence of Infectious Diseases in 1963 in comparison to those of the three preceding years:

|                               | 1963 | 1962 | 1961 | 1960 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Measles ... ..                | 338  | 23   | 279  | 34   |
| Whooping Cough ... ..         | 23   | 1    | 6    | 47   |
| Diphtheria ... ..             | —    | —    | —    | —    |
| Pneumonia ... ..              | 7    | 2    | 8    | 2    |
| Scarlet Fever ... ..          | 7    | 5    | 4    | 13   |
| Erysipelas ... ..             | 1    | 3    | —    | 1    |
| Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ... | —    | —    | —    | —    |
| Dysentery ... ..              | 1    | 5    | 21   | 1    |
| Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..    | —    | —    | 1    | —    |
| Paratyphoid Fever ... ..      | —    | —    | —    | —    |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..      | 1    | —    | —    | —    |
| Meningococcal Infection ...   | —    | —    | 1    | —    |
| Acute Encephalitis (P.I.) ... | —    | —    | —    | —    |
| Food Poisoning ... ..         | —    | —    | 2    | 6    |
| Tuberculosis — Pulmonary .    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 2    |
| Tuberculosis — Non. Pul. ...  | 2    | 2    | —    | —    |
| Total Cases ...               | 381  | 42   | 323  | 106  |

# Incidence of Infectious Diseases

| Parishes                         | Measles | Whooping<br>Cough | Pneumonia | Scarlet Fever | Tuberculosis | Dysentery | Acute<br>Poliomyelitis<br>(N. P.) | Food<br>Poisoning | Erysipelas | Puerperal<br>Pyrexia |
|----------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Alstonefield                     |         |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Bagnall                          | 1       | 1                 |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Bradnop                          | 23      |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Butterton                        |         |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Endon and Stanley                | 33      |                   |           | 1             | 1            |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Fawfieldhead                     | 6       |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Grindon                          | 1       |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Heathylee                        |         |                   |           | 1             |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Heaton                           | 8       |                   | 1         |               | 1            |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Hollinsclough                    |         |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Horton                           | 35      |                   |           | 1             | 1            |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Ilam                             |         |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            | 1                    |
| Leekfrith                        | 2       |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Longnor                          | 2       |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Longsdon                         | 33      |                   |           | 1             |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Norton-in-the-Moors              | 138     | 22                | 3         | 2             |              | 1         |                                   |                   | 1          |                      |
| Onecote                          | 1       |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Quarnford                        |         |                   |           | 1             |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Rushton                          | 38      |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Sheen                            | 5       |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Tittesworth                      | 6       |                   | 3         |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Warslow and Elkstones            |         |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| Wetton                           | 3       |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| <b>Total</b> ...     ...     ... | 338     | 23                | 7         | 7             | 3            | 1         | —                                 | —                 | 1          | 1                    |
| <b>Months of Occurrence</b>      |         |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| January                          | 75      |                   | 2         | 1             |              | 1         |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| February                         | 42      |                   | 1         | 1             |              |           |                                   |                   |            | 1                    |
| March                            | 65      |                   | 2         | 1             |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| April                            | 52      |                   | 2         |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| May                              | 10      |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| June                             | 47      | 5                 |           |               | 2            |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| July                             | 19      | 9                 |           | 1             | 1            |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| August                           | 16      | 8                 |           | 1             |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| September                        | 5       | 1                 |           | 1             |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| October                          | 3       |                   |           | 1             |              |           |                                   |                   | 1          |                      |
| November                         | 1       |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| December                         | 3       |                   |           |               |              |           |                                   |                   |            |                      |
| <b>Total</b> ...     ...     ... | 338     | 23                | 7         | 7             | 3            | 1         | —                                 | —                 | 1          | 1                    |

# Infectious Diseases — Age Groups

| AGE GROUP               | Measles |     | Whooping Cough |    | Pneumonia |   | Scarlet Fever |   | Acute Poliomyelitis |   | Dysentery |   | Food Poisoning |   | Pulmonary Tuberculosis |   | Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis |   | Erysipelas |   | Puerperal Pyrexia |
|-------------------------|---------|-----|----------------|----|-----------|---|---------------|---|---------------------|---|-----------|---|----------------|---|------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|------------|---|-------------------|
|                         | M       | F   | M              | F  | M         | F | M             | F | M                   | F | M         | F | M              | F | M                      | F | M                          | F | M          | F |                   |
| Under 1 year            | 1       | 3   | 3              | 2  |           |   |               |   |                     |   |           |   |                |   |                        |   |                            |   |            |   |                   |
| 1 to 2 years            | 40      | 33  | 2              | 6  | 1         | 1 |               |   |                     |   |           |   |                |   |                        |   |                            |   |            |   |                   |
| 3 to 4 years ...        | 39      | 25  | 2              | 4  |           |   |               | 1 |                     |   |           |   |                |   |                        |   |                            |   |            |   |                   |
| 5 — 9 years ...         | 88      | 75  | 2              | 1  |           | 1 | 3             | 3 |                     |   |           |   |                |   |                        |   |                            |   |            |   |                   |
| 10 — 14 years ...       | 19      | 10  | 1              | 1  |           |   |               |   |                     |   |           |   |                |   |                        |   | 1                          |   |            |   |                   |
| 15 — 24 years ...       | 1       | 2   |                |    | 1         |   |               |   |                     |   | 1         |   |                |   |                        |   | 1                          |   |            |   |                   |
| 25—44 years ...         |         | 1   |                |    |           |   |               |   |                     |   |           |   |                |   | 1                      |   |                            |   |            |   |                   |
| 45—64 years ...         |         | 1   |                |    | 1         |   |               |   |                     |   |           |   |                |   |                        |   | 1                          |   |            |   | 1                 |
| 65 and over ...         |         |     |                |    |           | 2 |               |   |                     |   |           |   |                |   |                        |   |                            |   | 1          |   |                   |
| Total (all ages)        | 188     | 150 | 9              | 14 | 3         | 4 | 3             | 4 | —                   | — | 1         | — | —              | — | 1                      | — | —                          | 2 | —          | 1 | 1                 |
| TOTAL — Male and Female | 338     |     | 23             |    | 7         |   | 7             |   |                     |   | 1         |   | —              |   | 1                      |   | 2                          |   | 1          |   | 1                 |

## Causes of Death in Leek Rural District 1963

| Causes of Death                            | Males | Females |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Tuberculosis, Respiratory ... ..           | 1     | —       |
| Tuberculosis, Other ... ..                 | —     | —       |
| Syphilitic disease ... ..                  | —     | —       |
| Diphtheria ... ..                          | —     | —       |
| Whooping Cough ... ..                      | —     | —       |
| Meningococcal infection ... ..             | —     | 1       |
| Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..                 | —     | —       |
| Measles ... ..                             | —     | —       |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases ... | —     | —       |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..         | 3     | 3       |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...     | 6     | 1       |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..          | —     | 4       |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..          | —     | 1       |
| Other malignant lymphatic neoplasms ...    | 8     | 5       |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..               | —     | 1       |
| Diabetes ... ..                            | —     | —       |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system ...     | 11    | 17      |
| Coronary disease, angina ... ..            | 26    | 13      |
| Hypertension with heart disease ... ..     | 1     | 2       |
| Other heart disease ... ..                 | 11    | 9       |
| Other circulatory disease ... ..           | 6     | 6       |
| Influenza ... ..                           | —     | 1       |
| Pneumonia ... ..                           | 3     | 2       |
| Bronchitis ... ..                          | 9     | 1       |
| Other disease of respiratory system ...    | 1     | 1       |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... ..       | —     | —       |
| Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ... ..  | —     | —       |
| Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..             | 1     | —       |
| Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..             | —     | —       |
| Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ..     | —     | —       |
| Congenital malformations ... ..            | 1     | 1       |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... | 7     | 11      |
| Motor Vehicle accidents ... ..             | 2     | —       |
| All other accidents ... ..                 | 3     | 2       |
| Suicide ... ..                             | 2     | 1       |
| Homicide and operations of war ... ..      | 2     | 1       |
| Total — all causes ... ..                  | 104   | 84      |



# Sanitary inspection of the Area —

## Summary of Visits

### HOUSING:

|                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| (a) Inspection for defects ... ..       | 66        |
| (b) Council House applicants ... ..     | 24        |
| (c) Moveable dwellings ... ..           | 26        |
| (d) Housing Inspections ... ..          | 81        |
| (e) Improvement Grant applicants ... .. | 236       |
| (f) Council Houses ... ..               | 23        |
|                                         | <hr/> 456 |

### GENERAL:

|                                                     |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Inspection of premises for nuisances ... ..         | 35          |
| Food premises ... ..                                | 16          |
| Slaughterhouses and knacker's yard ... ..           | 712         |
| Drainage inspections ... ..                         | 231         |
| Privy conversions ... ..                            | 29          |
| Water supplies — general ... ..                     | 85          |
| Samples of water taken ... ..                       | 150         |
| Shops ... ..                                        | 63          |
| Refuse and nightsoil collection and disposal ... .. | 397         |
| Infectious diseases ... ..                          | 8           |
| Fumigations and Infestations ... ..                 | 2           |
| Rodent control ... ..                               | 58          |
| Factories ... ..                                    | 31          |
| Petroleum stores ... ..                             | 18          |
| Swimming pool ... ..                                | 6           |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                                | 43          |
| Milk Supply ... ..                                  | 3           |
|                                                     | <hr/> 2,343 |

### NOTICES SERVED

|    |                                                                                                      |    |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| 1. | Informal Notices ... ..                                                                              | 73 |
|    | Statutory Notices ... ..                                                                             | 4  |
| 2. | (a) Number of Nuisances Remedied .                                                                   | 15 |
|    | (b) Number of defective dwellings rendered fit following service of Statutory and Informal notices . | 34 |

## WATER SUPPLIES

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF CONNECTIONS MADE TO  
MAINS SUPPLIES DURING YEAR AND TOTAL NUMBERS  
OF PROPERTIES NOW CONNECTED

| SCHEME                           | NEW<br>CONNECTIONS<br>DURING YEAR | TOTAL<br>NUMBER OF<br>CONNECTIONS<br>at 31/12/63 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| EASTERN<br>PARISHES              | 215                               | 412                                              |
| HORTON,<br>LONGSDON<br>& RUDYARD | 11                                | 230                                              |
| RUSHTON<br>& HEATON              | 89                                | 135                                              |
| TOTAL                            | 315                               | 777                                              |

## SAMPLING OF WATER SUPPLIES

One hundred and four samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination and forty-six for chemical analysis, the latter consisting mainly of routine samples taken of raw and treated water at the Hulme End Pumping Station (Eastern Parishes Supply). A summary of the results of the samples taken for bacteriological examination and on routine samples taken from Hulme End are set out in the tables on the following page.

**SAMPLES TAKEN FOR  
BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION**

| Source       | Number<br>of<br>Samples<br>Taken | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| WELL         | 6                                | 3            | 3              |
| SPRING       | 27                               | 12           | 15             |
| BOREHOLE     | 1                                | 1            | —              |
| RIVER        | 5                                | —            | 5              |
| PUBLIC MAINS | 65                               | 65           | —              |
| TOTAL        | 104                              | 81           | 23             |

**REPORTS ON SAMPLES TAKEN FROM  
PUBLIC MAINS SUPPLIES  
EASTERN PARISHES WATER SUPPLY**

| SAMPLES TAKEN FROM PUMPING STATION,<br>HULME END                       |                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 25.7.63                                                                | 10-45 a.m. Sample No. 896 |
| BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION                                            |                           |
| Probable numbers of coliform<br>bacilli, MacConkey 2 days at<br>37° C. | NIL                       |
| CHEMICAL EXAMINATION                                                   |                           |
| pH Value                                                               | 8.9                       |
| Total solid matter dried at<br>212° F.                                 | 150.0                     |
| Free and saline Ammonia                                                | 0.028                     |
| Albuminoid Ammonia                                                     | 0.048                     |
| Nitric Nitrogen                                                        | NIL                       |
| Nitrous Nitrogen                                                       | 0.002                     |
| Chlorine present as Chloride                                           | 14.0                      |
| Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at<br>80° F.                                | 0.34                      |
| Appearance                                                             | Clear and colourless      |
| Metallic Contamination                                                 | NIL                       |

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

An extension of the sewerage system to serve some 53 properties in the Hough Hill, Broad Lane and Hill Top areas of Brown Edge which was commenced in June last year was completed during the year, following which connections proceeded satisfactorily.

## CONVERSION OF PRIVIES TO WATER CLOSETS

The Council makes contributions to property owners desirous of converting their toilets into water closets, the contribution being up to half the cost of the work with a maximum of £20. During the year 9 applications were approved, the Council's total contribution for these being £180.

Further to the above under the Improvement Grant conditions, 36 W.C.'s were installed as part of the improvements.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse is collected by direct labour from some 5,200 dwellings in the area, and nightsoil from 908 properties.

Five Karrier Vehicles are employed for these purposes, three being for refuse collection, one solely for nightsoil, and one which is adapted for a joint refuse and nightsoil service in the Hill district.

The main bulk of refuse was tipped at the central tip at Stockton Brook which serves the built-up area, there being small village tips to cater for the more scattered portion of the district.

The isolated tips present a continual problem from a maintenance point of view as they suffer considerable mis-use by the haphazard dumping of all types of refuse by individuals. These tips are straightened up and covered over from time to time and regular rodent control treatments are carried out.

## FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948

NUMBER OF FACTORIES ON REGISTER:—

[illegible]

## NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE ... .. 31

Only two factories are of any size.

A small number of outworkers are employed, chiefly by the Silk Manufacturers in Leek and are concerned with the finishing of wearing apparel.

# HOUSING

## Action taken under the Housing Acts during the year

### Demolition and Closing Orders:

|                                                                                          |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal action under the Housing Acts ... .. | 2   |
| Parts of Buildings closed ... ..                                                         | Nil |
| Closing Orders made under Housing Act, 1957 ... ..                                       | 2   |

### Repairs

|                                                                                                                           |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit by informal action under the Public Health or Housing Acts ... ..        | 34  |
| Number of houses where defects were remedied after service of formal notices under Public Health Acts:                    |     |
| (a) by owners ... ..                                                                                                      | Nil |
| (b) by local authority ... ..                                                                                             | Nil |
| Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices under the Housing Acts:                                         |     |
| (a) by owners ... ..                                                                                                      | Nil |
| (b) by local authority ... ..                                                                                             | Nil |
| Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders revoked under Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 ... .. | Nil |

### Unfit houses in temporary use

|                                                                         |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Houses licensed for temporary occupation under Housing Act, 1957 ... .. | Nil |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|

### Purchase of houses by agreement

|                                                                                                                                    |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Houses purchased in Clearance Areas (other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders) ... .. | Nil |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|

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## New Houses Erected during the Year

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| (a) By Private Enterprise ... .. | 194 |
| (b) By Local Authority ... ..    |     |

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## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

|                                                                      | Discretionary<br>Grants | Standard<br>Grants |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Number of Applications received during the year ... ..               | 30                      | 18                 |
| Number of Applications in abeyance from previous year                | 1                       | 1                  |
| Number of Improvement Grants made in respect of:—                    |                         |                    |
| (a) Improvements to existing houses ... ..                           | 23                      | 17                 |
| (b) Conversion of buildings into living accommodation ... ..         | —                       | —                  |
| Total cost of work involved qualifying for grant ... ..              | £15,800                 | —                  |
| Total value of Improvement Grants approved ... ..                    | £7,313                  | £2,050             |
| Number of Improvement Grant Applications refused or withdrawn ... .. | 5                       | 1                  |
| Number of Applications in abeyance ... ..                            | 3                       | 1                  |
| Number of Improvement works completed during the year...             | 29                      | 7                  |

Of the 40 grants approved 37 were in respect of owner occupied property and 3 in respect of tenanted property.

### RODENT CONTROL

The Public Sewers and Refuse Tips were treated as necessary and the rat population was kept to a minimum.

The Council's Sewage Works were successfully treated on occasions throughout the year and the infestations kept under control.

The Council's free service for domestic premises was increasingly made use of and in appropriate cases bait suitable for mice clearance was issued to householders.

### PETROLEUM ACTS

Forty-two licences were issued for the bulk storage of 55,750 gallons of Petroleum spirit.

# MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

|                                                                                                     | Cattle | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|------|--------|
| Number killed                                                                                       | 1,314  | 1      | 5,590         | 479  | -      |
| Number inspected                                                                                    | 1,314  | 1      | 5,590         | 479  | —      |
| <b>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</b>                                              |        |        |               |      |        |
| Whole carcasses condemned ...                                                                       | —      | —      | 3             | —    | —      |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...                                              | 110    | —      | 625           | 5    | —      |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ... | 8.37   | —      | 11.18         | 1.04 | —      |
| <b>Tuberculosis only:</b>                                                                           |        |        |               |      |        |
| Whole carcasses condemned ...                                                                       | —      | —      | —             | —    | —      |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...                                              | —      | —      | —             | 3    | —      |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...                                   | —      | —      | —             | .62  | —      |
| <b>Cysticercosis</b>                                                                                |        |        |               |      |        |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...                                              | 5      | —      | —             | —    | —      |
| Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...                                                | 5      | —      | —             | —    | —      |
| Generalised and totally condemned                                                                   | —      | —      | —             | —    | —      |

## MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED

Weight of Meat condemned due to:—

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| (a) Tuberculosis                 | 20 lbs.           |
| (b) Other diseases or conditions | 2,482 lbs.        |
|                                  | <u>2,502 lbs.</u> |

## OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED

8lb. Frozen Liver.

# **FOOD INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION**

## **MEAT INSPECTION**

The Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 which came into operation on 1st October requires that all home-killed meat is inspected before it leaves the slaughterhouse and a Local Authority is empowered to make a charge for each animal inspected. The Council decided that the charges to be made should be the maximum in accordance with the scale laid down in the Regulations. Each carcase is marked with an identifying stamp after it has been passed as fit for human consumption.

A table showing the number of animals inspected at the five slougherhouses in the Council's area — at which 100% meat inspection has always been carried out — is set out on the previous page.

## **FOOD SHOPS AND PREPARING PREMISES**

Ninety premises are registered under the Act for the sale of Ice Cream.

## **FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS**

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

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## RAINFALL — 1963

### READINGS TAKEN AT HULME END PUMPING STATION

|           | Inches           |
|-----------|------------------|
| JANUARY   | ... Not recorded |
| FEBRUARY  | ... Not recorded |
| MARCH     | 2.35             |
| APRIL     | .. 1.52          |
| MAY       | . 1.99           |
| JUNE      | ... 4.67         |
| JULY      | 3.42             |
| AUGUST    | ... 2.69         |
| SEPTEMBER | ... 6.48         |
| OCTOBER   | ... 2.37         |
| NOVEMBER  | ... 5.99         |
| DECEMBER  | .. 0.62          |





